

REMARKS

Claims 9-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1-8 have been canceled, and new claims 9-28 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 9 and 21 are patentable over the cited art since the cited art does not disclose or suggest a valve including a rotatable stem that controls the mixture of hot and cold water as well as the flow of mixed water.

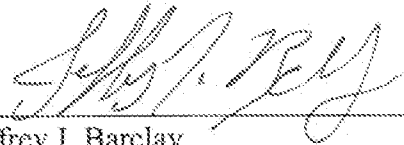
Applicant respectfully requests timely issue of a Notice of Allowance in this case.

The required fee of \$450 for the Petition for Extension of Time is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 00635-248001.

Respectfully submitted,

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